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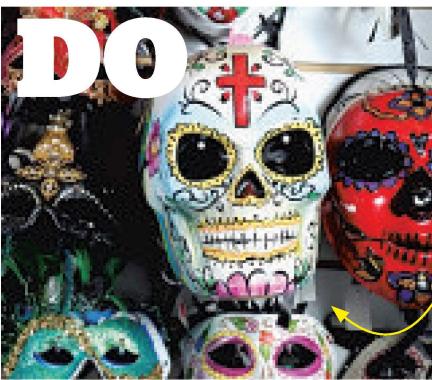
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Chief Keef reportedly dropped from Interscope

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE

In a move that's sure to elicit hosannas from Your One Friend Who's Into Real Hip-Hop, allhiphop.com reported Tuesday that 19-year-old Keith "Chief Keef" Cozart had been dropped from his Interscope Records deal.

The announcement comes after clashes with label brass about future releases and a string of high-profile incidents, ranging from lawsuits to drug offenses since Keef signed in 2012.

According to the site's report, the rapper's move to Los Angeles (where Interscope is located) pushed the whole thing over the edge:

"Keef and his people tried to keep the label accountable [once Keef moved to Los Angeles] but Interscope didn't seem interested in dropping a new album. Keef's team tried to have formal meetings but nothing moved," an anonymous source told AllHipHop. Insiders say friction intensified until there were arguments with higher-ups in Interscope over how Keef's career was being handled. Shortly thereafter, Keef was quietly released from his contract, sources said.

Easily the highest-profile signing of Chicago's 2012 rap boom, Keef's consistent issues definitely hampered what was a white-hot start that included appearances from 50 Cent, Wiz Khalifa and Rick Ross on his debut album and Kanye West remixing his anthem, "Don't Like," for the G.O.O.D Music "Cruel Summer" compilation in 2013.

After the report went live, Keef confirmed the announcement via Twitter by sharing a text conversation between himself and Chi-



Chief Keef performs at Lollapalooza in Grant Park in 2012. REDEYEFILE

ago rapper Lucki Eck\$.

Keef immediately followed that with several tweets decrying the management that took over Interscope after

label founder Jimmy Iovine left the company earlier this year following the sale of Beats By Dre, which Iovine co-founded, to Apple.

Keef's representatives and management at Interscope could not be reached for comment.

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CHIEF KEEF'S HISTORY

JUNE 16, 2012
Record deal
Sixteen-year-old Keef signs \$6 million deal with Interscope Records to produce three albums.



Lenny Gilmore
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OCT. 19, 2012
Connection to murder?
Chicago police tell the Tribune that Keef is being investigated for a possible connection to the shooting death of Englewood rapper Joseph "Lil JoJo" Coleman.

DEC. 18, 2012
Debut album
Keef's debut album "Finally Rich" released.

MAY 27, 2013
110 mph on Edens
Keef arrested for driving 110 mph on the Edens Expressway.

JUNE 17, 2013
Sentenced and arrested again
Keef fined \$531, put on probation for 18 months, ordered to perform 60 hours of community service and will be given random drug tests for driving 110 mph on the Edens. Shortly after Keef leaves the courthouse, he is arrested and charged with trespassing May 16 at his former home in the Parkway Gardens apartment complex on the South Side.

JUNE 18, 2013
Keef on 'Yeezus'
Keef appears on Kanye West's album "Yeezus."

NOV. 8, 2013
Rehab in California
Keef got permission from a Cook County judge Friday to enter a private drug treatment facility out of state after the rapper tested positive for marijuana, officials said.

MARCH 26, 2014
Shooting at Chief Keef's manager's home in Northfield
The house where a shooting took

place in Northfield is rented by Keef's manager, said Viktor Mehta, who manages the property for the owner.

JUNE 10, 2014
Evicted from suburban home
Police called to assist in evicting Keef a Highland Park home, but the owner claims the departure was agreed upon.

JULY 14, 2014
Arrest warrant issued
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Hating on Halloween? You're terrifying me



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Every year when October rolls around, I find myself frowning in the face of online anti-Halloween hate speech.

Oh yeah, I'm calling it hate speech, and if you're offended by that then I'm definitely talking to you. Whether your hatred of Halloween is religious, historical

or political, you have the right to feel that way. Just like I have the right to remind you that nobody cares.

Don't get me wrong, I love hating stuff. Unlike most Halloween haters, though, I don't feel the need to preach at other people about their choices. Here are a few examples of what naysayers might bust out:

» "Halloween is a pagan holiday." So? When's the last time a pagan persecuted you?

» "It's a celebration of evil." And? Did the government cancel Columbus Day yet?

» "It's a ploy for candy companies to make money and perpetuate the obesity of children." You think one day of trick-or-treating is more harmful to kids than the fact that pizza sauce counts as a serving of vegetables in school lunches?

Direct your angst somewhere that it can make a difference. If you come to me trashing Halloween, you won't get anything but the stank eye and one very loud, attitude-y comment: "Don't nobody care what you talking 'bout."

I don't wanna hear you talk about how Halloween is "The Devil's Day," only to turn around and host an anti-Halloween party at your church where you give out candy to costumed children. I don't wanna hear anyone referring to girls' sexy outfits

as "Slutterween costumes" as if the end of summer made it taboo to show some skin. (It's my personal belief that most Slutterween-shamers are just mad they couldn't pull-off a sexy costume themselves.) I don't wanna hear people bitching about how early stores start advertising for Halloween when nobody seems to mind that Christmas pretty much owns the entire end of the year. To say it plainly, I'm intolerant of your intolerance.

I like Halloween but the day itself isn't that big of a deal to me. I'm an entertainer for a living; I wear crazy outfits whenever I want. I walk into investor meetings for my upcoming magazine with purple eyebrows, a leopard-print jumpsuit and a Beemo

phone case, and I get nothing but hugs and smiles. However, for people with a standard day job, that outfit just might get them fired. Halloween is a chance for everybody to walk on the wild side, to rock a costume of a whole different personality.

On Oct. 31, nobody is going to be thinking about how Halloween originated from a pagan festival more than 2,000 years ago, celebrated by Celtic people who believed the dead could walk among the living on

that day. They're gonna be thinking about how awesome it is that they get to turn up in their costume for an entire weekend. Are you against turning up? If so, you're the one who's really evil.

If you choose not to participate in any Halloween festivities because it's against your personal beliefs, I support that. You should always be true to yourself. But once you take it so far that you are on Twitter preaching at people who do participate, you lose my support. Any ideology that requires you to force your beliefs on other people is way scarier than Halloween ever will be.

REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR NIKKI LYNETTE, A CHICAGO NATIVE, IS AN INDIE RECORDING ARTIST WHOSE MUSIC APPEARS ON MTV, VH1, SHOWTIME AND MORE.

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City to crack down on motorists who don't buy city vehicle stickers

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Chicago motorists who fail to buy city vehicle stickers beware: Officials plan to target scofflaws.

The City Clerk's office plans to use the Secretary of State vehicle registration data to go after the estimated 100,000 to 150,000 car owners who live in Chicago but don't buy the decals—as city law requires. It's part of an effort to bring in an additional \$5 million next year.

"Clearly people have been given every opportunity to get in compliance in an easy way. One out of every four motorists buys their sticker online. You can do it in your pajamas or in the buff. We don't charge an additional fee for it. It couldn't be any easier," City Clerk Susana Mendoza said after a budget hearing at City Hall on Tuesday.

Chicagoans are aware they need to comply with the city sticker law, which currently requires motorists purchase the decal annually, she said.

"That universe of people, which is very small compared to 1.3 million, is a universe that purposefully chooses to be non-compliant. We need to now . . . use a little bit stronger tools to go after that universe and make sure they do pay their fair share," she said.

In addition to sending scofflaws notices already, she would like to get legislative authority to issue tickets by mail and have such a ticket treated the same as if it were placed on the car's windshield and count as one of three unpaid tickets that would trigger the car getting booted.

Chicago residents who use their vehicles in the city are required to buy and affix city stickers in their car windshields. Car owners who don't comply can face a \$200 ticket plus a \$60 late fee.

The revenue from city stickers—estimated at \$109 million in the proposed \$8.9 bil-



A car is ticketed for not having a current city sticker on the 800 block of North Wells Street.

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lion budget for 2015—funds the repair and maintenance of city streets. In 2014, there were 5,179 vehicle damage claims filed with the clerk's office specific to potholes, which was twice the number than the previous four years combined, Mendoza said.

This year, the city sticker program began its year-round staggered system, with stickers expiring six months from the time car owners have to renew their state license plates.

Residents had short- or long-term purchase options to get on a year-round city sticker renewal schedule. The cost of the city sticker was based on the number of months the sticker was valid. The average annual cost for a city sticker was \$90 in 2014.

Because of the popularity of the long-term purchase option, the City Clerk's Office announced Tuesday that it will give Chicago-

ans starting in January the option of buying city stickers good for two years. About 15 to 20 percent of motorists are expected to opt for the two-year sticker.

"Given the chance to pay more for the convenience of a vehicle sticker that was valid for a longer period of time, nearly 70 percent of our customers chose to do so," Mendoza said during the budget hearing. "This new service for customers is not going to cost our office a penny. In fact it's going to save us money on things like stickers, toner, printing and postage."

Residents who take advantage of the two-year city sticker will avoid the price increase set for 2016. City sticker prices get adjusted every two years beginning in 2014 for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index.

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EXPRESS LINES

■ A man is in critical condition after he was found beaten in a McCormick Place parking lot Sunday morning before the Bears game, according to preliminary reports from the Chicago Police Department's Office of News Affairs.

■ The city of Chicago is expected to spend \$95 million on police overtime this year—\$23 million more than the \$72 million set aside for this year—as Mayor Emanuel continues to grapple with high levels of violent crime, officials said Monday. TRIBUNE

2 charged with train graffiti had uniforms, keys

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Wilmette police are investigating how two Chicago men wearing CTA uniforms and carrying CTA keys allegedly broke into a rail yard to spray paint three CTA rail cars.

Officers said they were responding to a report of three people who may have been involved in a drug deal and stopped a car with two men matching the description near the CTA Linden stop about 5 p.m.

As the men were being questioned by police during that stop, a CTA employee in the rail yard notified Wilmette police about new graffiti on some train cars. When they are out of service, Purple Line train cars sit in a rail yard near the Linden station, the northern end of the Purple Line.

Police said they searched the men's car and found more than 30 cans of paint, CTA maps, gloves and pictures.

The men were wearing CTA shirts, hats and traffic vests and carrying a set keys that allowed them to access to restricted CTA areas, police said.

The men have not been employed by the CTA, Wilmette Police Sgt. Solweig Gehrken said.

"We don't know how they obtained the keys," Gehrken said.

CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said she could not comment on a pending investigation and referred calls to Wilmette police.

Miguel Carrasquillo, 40, of 5811 W. Walton St., and Jose Godinez, 29, of 1946 S. Racine Ave., were charged with felony criminal damage to property in the Thursday incident.

Both men previously have been arrested for vandalism, Cook County court records show. Gehrken said the department is looking into whether they were involved in other graffiti cases at the rail yard.

Carrasquillo was ordered held on \$50,000 bond while Godinez was ordered held on \$5,000 bond. Both are scheduled to appear in Skokie court Oct. 30.

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U.S. routes travelers from Ebola-hit region to 5 airports

The United States ratcheted up its safeguards against Ebola on Tuesday, requiring travelers from three countries at the center of an epidemic in West Africa to fly into one of five major airports conducting enhanced screening for the virus.

Restrictions on passengers whose trips originated in Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea were announced by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and due to go into effect Wednesday. The precautions stop well short of the travel ban sought by some U.S. lawmakers to prevent more Ebola cases in the United States.

Affected travelers will have their temperatures checked for signs of a fever that may indicate Ebola infection, among other protocols, at New York's John F. Kennedy, New Jersey's Newark, Washington Dulles, Atlanta and O'Hare international airports, officials said.

"We are working closely with the airlines to implement these restrictions with minimal travel disruption," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said in a statement. "If not already handled by the airlines, the few impacted travelers should contact the airlines for rebooking, as needed."

Johnson said those airports account for about 94 percent of travelers flying to the United States from the three countries, noting that there are no direct, nonstop commercial flights from Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea to the United States.

"We currently have in place measures to identify and screen anyone at all land, sea and air ports of entry into the United States who we have reason to believe has been present in



U.S. Coast Guard Health Technician Nathan Wallenmeyer (from left) and Customs Border Protection Supervisor Sam Ko conduct prescreening measures on a passenger arriving from Sierra Leone at O'Hare Airport.

Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea in the preceding 21 days," Johnson said.

Washington-based trade group Airlines for America, or A4A, noted that less than 150 people per day travel to the United States from those three countries and about 6 percent of them, some nine people daily, have been arriving at airports other than the five airports with enhanced Ebola screening.

The group's member airlines are "cooperating fully" with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency to reroute that 6 percent of travelers to the five designated airports, A4A spokeswoman Jean Medina said.

Only three Ebola cases have been diag-

O'HARE TRAVELERS HOSPITALIZED

Two people who arrived at O'Hare Airport on Tuesday from Liberia were under observation at Chicago hospitals as part of the city's infectious disease protocols after they experienced nausea and other illnesses during their flights, city officials said. Officials said they decided against Ebola testing for the two, who were traveling separately, after medical evaluations.

nosed in the United States: Liberian Thomas Eric Duncan, who died Oct. 8 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, and two nurses who treated him.

4 Chicago hospitals agree to treat potential patients

Four Chicago hospitals have agreed to treat potential Ebola patients, and federal officials announced more strict guidelines for handling those cases, even as a nurses union continued to push Tuesday for additional measures.

City officials confirmed that Rush University Medical Center, the University of Chicago Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago agreed to take Ebola patients from other hospitals and health care providers should any cases appear in Chicago.

At the same time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued updated guidelines that called for health care workers to have no exposed skin while caring for Ebola patients. The CDC also called for all health care workers caring for Ebola patients to receive repeated training on Ebola-related infection control, including taking on and off personal protective equipment.

National Nurses United, a union representing 185,000 nurses nationwide, welcomed the CDC update, but planned a news conference in Chicago on Tuesday evening to call for going a step further. The nurses want the federal government to require hospitals to provide one-piece hazardous material suits and air purifying respirators to all health care workers that provide direct patient care, and to cut off federal funding to hospitals that don't comply.

Oscar de la Renta dies at age 82

2 Oscar de la Renta, the fashion designer who dressed first ladies and Hollywood stars during a career that spanned five decades, was remembered Tuesday for his exquisite style and tireless philanthropy. The Dominican-born designer died late Monday at the age of 82, at his Connecticut home after a battle with cancer.

U.S. citizen released from N. Korea

3 The White House confirmed Tuesday that American tourist Jeffrey Fowle had been released from North Korea, had departed the country and was on his way home to his family. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the U.S. welcomed the move but remained focused on getting two other U.S. citizens released as well.

Jury to decide if Arias will get death penalty

4 An Arizona jury will be sworn in Tuesday to decide whether 34-year-old convicted murderer Jodi Arias will be executed for the 2008 slaying of Travis Alexander, court officials said. Arias was found guilty of first-degree murder in May 2013 for killing Alexander, 30, in his Mesa, Ariz., home.

U.S. carries out 4 airstrikes on Islamic State

5 U.S. military forces carried out four airstrikes on Islamic State targets in Syria on Monday and Tuesday and were joined by partner nations in three attacks in Iraq, the U.S. Central Command said. The strikes near Kobani, Syria, destroyed Islamic State fighting positions, a building and an Islamic State unit.



THE DIGIT

5 years

A South African judge Tuesday sentenced Olympic and Paralympic track star Oscar Pistorius to five years in prison for the negligent killing of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day last year.



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Demolition crews start on the deconstruction of Wrigley Field last week.

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Boom goes Wrigley

Cubs ask fans to pardon their dust—on and off field

By Matt Lindner | FOR REDEYE

The biggest eyesores at Wrigley Field the past few years have been the play on the field and the nets protecting fans from any threat of falling concrete in the main seating bowl.

At least one of those is expected to be corrected next year. As for the other, Cubs owner Tom Ricketts said fans are going to have to live with it just a little while longer.

"Obviously the nets are just an example of the years and decades of underinvestment in the park," he said during a recent interview.

“It's a whole development. ... Anyone that walks by Wrigley Field in the winter knows that it needs some love. We're starting with restoring the ballpark to look like the beautiful ballpark that it was in 1935.”

— Cubs owner **Tom Ricketts**, on the construction going on in and around the stadium

"Rather than actually fix the problem, we put up nets that caught the problem. I'd imagine it's not next season because we're more focused on the bleachers this year."

Indeed, take a stroll down Waveland and Sheffield these days and you'll see a work in

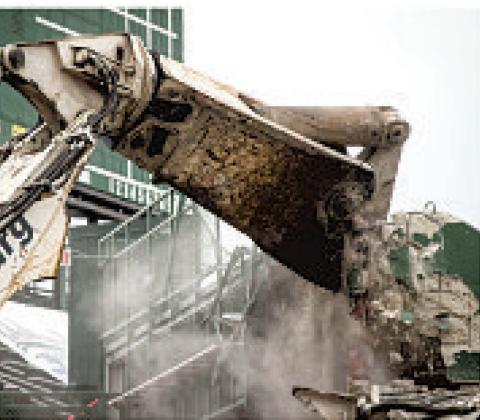
progress at Wrigley that for once isn't the team's roster.

Construction crews have spent the past few weeks tearing down the bleachers as part of the first phase of the 1060 Project, a four-year, multi-phase plan designed to trans-

form Wrigley from aging relic to, in Ricketts' words, a "town square for the North Side."

"On non-game days, we're going to program it for the neighborhood," he said. "We're going to put in the ice rink again, we're going to do farmers markets, we're going to do little free concerts. We're gonna try to make it something that is more of a town square for the North Side so people can come here on any day and get a valuable experience."

All told, it's a \$575 million, privately funded project that is expected to create more than 2,000 jobs when all is said and done. Once it's finished, Wrigley is going to have not one but two video boards, upgraded bleachers, an



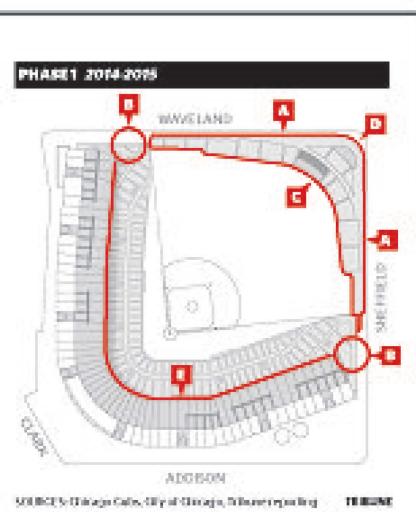
expanded clubhouse for players and a hotel near the ballpark.

Simply put, the Wrigley you grew up with will not be the Wrigley you visit in the future.

"It's a whole development," Ricketts said. "We've got a hotel going in across the street, we have an office building. Anyone that walks by Wrigley Field in the winter knows that it needs some love. We're starting with restoring the ballpark to look like the beautiful ballpark that it was in 1935."

Yes, but what of the product on the field?

The end of the 2014 saw reason to believe the hope Cubs fans have been investing in the franchise might finally be validated in the near future, with young players like Jake Arrieta, Javier Baez and



MEET THE NEW WRIGLEY

The 2014-15 Cubs offseason ushered in the first phase of Wrigley Field renovations.

- A: Proposed Sheffield and Waveland bleacher expansions, facade:** A new concrete deck will support expanded bleachers. Also included is a concessions area partially enclosed by glass walls.
- B: New playing field lighting:** Two light poles added—one for left field and one for right.
- C: Outfield brick wall and ivy:** Repairing the outfield wall involves removing ivy, rebuilding the wall and replacing the ivy.
- D: Bleacher entrance and outfield bleacher deck at the bleacher gate:** Moves the bleacher gate approximately 6 feet toward Waveland and Sheffield.
- E: Interior signage, upper level:** New LED signs and boards added on the upper level of the infield seats.
- Also: Elevators (various areas):** About 10 new elevators added to access the upper levels in left and right field, as well as other areas. **TRIBUNE**

Jorge Soler showing flashes of brilliance.

The Ricketts family made its financial fortune through shrewd investments. Tom Ricketts is hoping his investments in Wrigley bring similar wealth on the baseball side of things.

"The business side of the operation and the baseball side of the operation are moving in lockstep forward," he said. "In the new development, we'll have the second largest clubhouse. We're gonna have a real weight room, we're gonna have other facilities that other teams give to their players. Hopefully that will translate to better performance on the field."

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How the Cubs can rebuild their roster



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As anyone who has been to Wrigley Field in the past five years can attest, the ballpark isn't the only thing the Cubs own that needs a radical makeover. Lucky for fans, the Cubs have handed us an imaginary blank check to pay for an on-field renovation that'll have the "W" flag flying a lot more in 2015.

Starting pitcher: Jon Lester

You've gotta have a solid foundation if you're going to build a house filled with a lifetime of memories. And there's no more solid foundation than Jon Lester, the Hope Diamond of this year's free-agent class. With 116 wins and two World Series titles, in his nine big-league seasons, Lester, 30, is the splash the Cubs absolutely have to make this offseason.

Starting pitcher: James Shields

In a dream world, Theo Epstein and Jed Hoyer hold a press conference announcing Jon Lester and James Shields will anchor the front of the rotation. In reality, the Cubs should be able to land one or the other. And if the Cubs strike out on Lester, Shields, 32, represents a solid alternative. Shields' value will never be higher, having helped reverse the fortunes of not one but two seemingly snakebitten franchises in Tampa Bay and Kansas City.

James Shields
GETTY IMAGES

Catcher: A.J. Pierzynski

I know what you're thinking. The idea of A.J. Pierzynski in a Cubs uniform is about as off-putting as hanging out in Wrigleyville during ... well, ever. Humor me though. Cubs backup catchers hit a combined .183 last year with no home runs while striking out 70 times in 218 at bats. That's not good. Pierzynski, 37, may have a bad reputation, but he is most certainly an upgrade over that dumpster fire.

Relief pitcher: Pat Neshek

Strengthening your own bullpen while weakening that of your biggest rival makes as much sense as anything. Neshek, 34, was one of the better stories in 2014, but he was also one of the more effective right-handed relievers, posting a sparkling 1.87 ERA with 68 strikeouts against just nine walks in 71 games. You never can have too many clutch arms coming out of the bullpen, as the Royals have shown. Neshek represents one of the better options on the market.

Outfielder: Torii Hunter

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Relief pitcher: Andrew Miller

The Cubs have had good luck with former Baltimore pitchers of late, and Andrew Miller, 29, might be the best of the bunch. He proved to be one of the best left-handed relievers in the game, finishing the season with an eye-popping 2.02 ERA and a strikeout-to-walk ratio of nearly 2-to-1.

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1	One week until the Bulls kick off their season. How are you preparing?	Hoping Derrick Rose doesn't get a jump on the season.	DOING MY JOB, duh.	Knee braces and Tums. All day, baby.	That's a trick question. Kickoffs happen only in football, silly.	Pretending my couch is the bench and swinging a towel over my head once in a while, just like I did in high school.
2	Why did LeBron James say the Bulls are better than the Cavs?	I think we all Nash.	Sorry, but all I could focus on was the confused hairline.	After coming clean with the hairline, so goes the rest of him.	Well, Cavs are baby cows and a bull is a male bovine, so it's science, baby.	Did he say it while he was on the bench? Because in that case he was correct.
3	Who will be the next Bears player to go on a postgame rant?	Walter Payton.	Keep telling Robbie Gould he's just a kicker and watch what happens.	Chris Conte. Dude probably thinks he belongs in the Hall of Fame.	I'd say one of our running backs, but speaking out isn't their forte.	I have even money on "If it's after another awful loss, no one cares."
4	How should Kyle Fuller rehab his hip and hand injuries?	By waving goodbye to the playoffs.	Squatting under teammates, hands up, ready to pinch their lips shut.	I'm perpetually 12. I can't answer this without snickering.	Peanut Tillman could lend a hand. He's dished out plenty of hip pointers over the years.	Come back next year and bring about two other guys from the defense with him.
5	Why is coach Joel Quenneville shuffling the Hawks' lines so early in the season?	The scoring has made him Saad.	He knows. You gotta diversify your portfolio.	Never question the 'stache.	Word has it Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" is his new pre-game pump-up jam.	Coach Q does what Coach Q wants. Mere mortals like us aren't allowed to question it.

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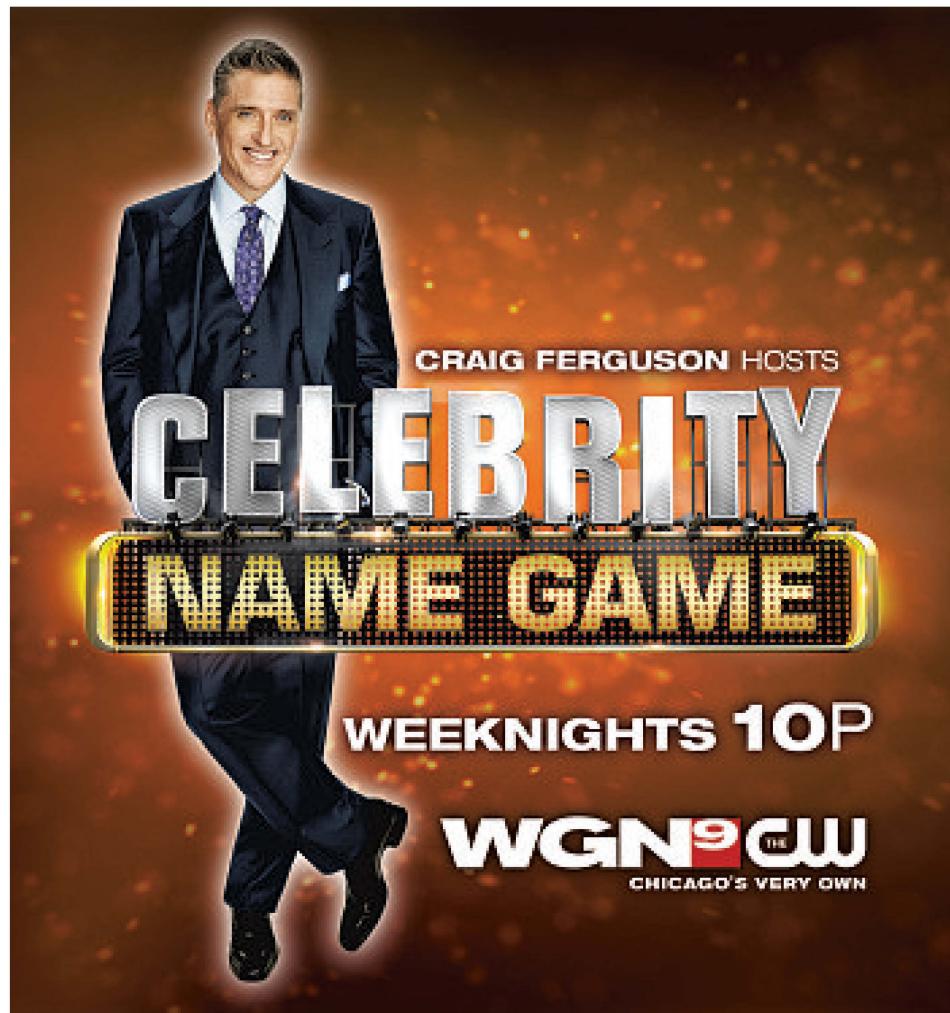
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**Butler taking it slow**

The Bulls announced Tuesday that **Jimmy Butler** has sprained ligaments in his left thumb. He will not practice this week and won't play in Friday's pre-season game against Minnesota. Somewhere in Ohio, LeBron James is probably hoping the Bulls' ace defender is out beyond Oct. 31.

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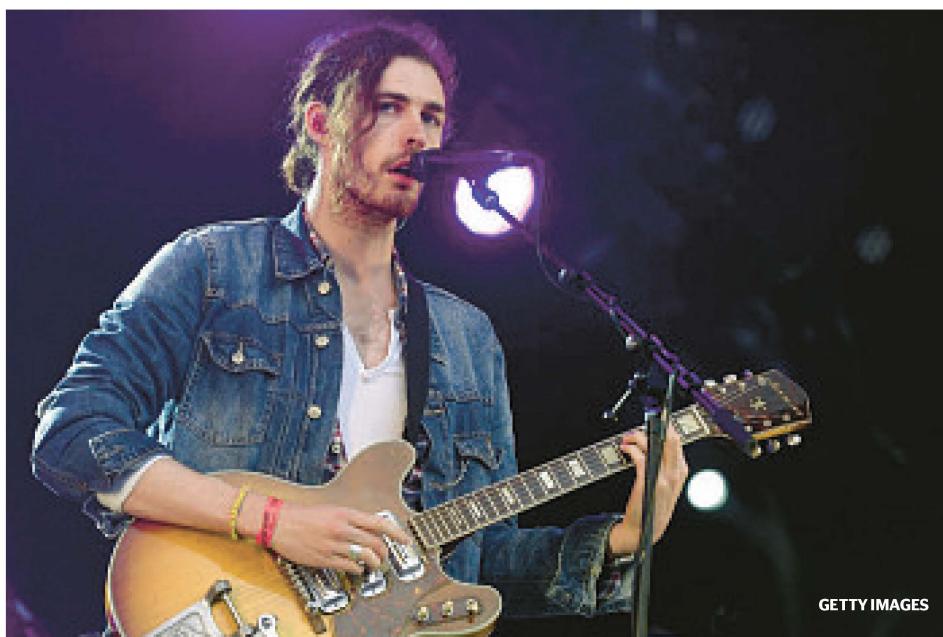
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In some respects, time hasn't been on Hozier's side recently. He was only in town for three or four hours while performing at Lollapalooza, preventing him from checking out the Chicago blues that influenced him or seeing sights from "The Blues Brothers," which he watched on repeat as a kid. Despite a willingness to participate in pretty much any skit while in studio to perform at "Saturday Night Live" (where he says Seth Rogen, Paul Rudd and Steven Spielberg were in attendance), there wasn't time to make that happen.

On the other hand, now is a great time for the 24-year-old Irish singer/guitarist (full name: Andrew Hozier-Byrne), who just released his full-length, self-titled debut (which arrived at No. 2 on the Billboard 200) and his February show at the Riviera, which follows Sunday's sold-out show at Metro, also is sold out. The video for the record's lead single, "Take Me to Church," has more than 15 million views, par-

tially because it's a striking depiction of the track's outrage over institutional intolerance and partially because it's a great song.

Worth noting: When the haunting track first came on the radio in Hozier's native country, people assumed the artist, who told RedEye by phone from L.A. that "the first musical language I learned was the blues," wasn't an Irish act. MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM | [@MATTMPAIS](https://twitter.com/MATTMPAIS)



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You used to struggle more with nerves on stage. How much do big appearances like Lollapalooza make the stress level go down during something like "SNL"?

It's a big help, I gotta say. It may not feel good at the time, just dealing with those nerves and having to plow through it, but it does help. It helps to know how to deal with your anxiety and calm down on stage. But I do remember freaking out a little bit at Lollapalooza. I always know because my voice kind of just chokes up, I completely choke. You ever have that, not stage fright but that freak-out moment when you're looking out at thousands of people. But it does really help because I figure ... if you can do that, you can move on and do anything.

Does that more frequently happen during the show than before it?

Usually during a show. It's not something I really consider a huge issue anymore. When I was starting out, I played a couple of shows, I used to perform on my own quite a bit, playing [guitar], smaller stuff in Ireland. When I was doing big shows for the first time I remember, it is [stressful]. It's something that happens during the show, I guess. You lose concentration or your head, something spooks you like a horse. You've gotta deal with that very quickly.

On Twitter, Taylor Swift recommended people play invisible instruments during your shows. Do you also recommend that, and have you ever seen someone play air cello?

[Laughs.] Air cello only when I'm talking to my cello player or making fun of my cello player. But yeah, I suppose enjoy a Hozier show any way that you feel you need to. Air

instruments or no instruments. But actually I'd rather people play air instruments than actual instruments at a Hozier concert.

So they shouldn't bring a tambourine and just play along.

Not yet, no. We might look into that in the live budget [for the venue], but for the moment no.

Have you ever thought about a future female presence in your life hearing "Someone New" and saying, "I really like you, but in that song you say you fall in love with someone new every day; should I be worried?"

[Laughs.] I mean, I'm not all too worried. I'm not making plans for things that don't exist right now. With anything, there's always the case where you gotta be careful with your songs, or anything you do becomes a matter of public record, especially if you're writing songs. What's interesting about that song—sometimes I look at the songs as characters, and it's easier to do that, it's easier to deal with the songs as if you're talking about characters and you're singing about characters or singing as a character. But what's interesting about "Someone New" is that's the only co-write on the album. And that was written with somebody who is now my [ex]. We wrote that song when we were together. It's a song about falling in love with a different person every day. We're no longer together, but that's a nice bit of trivia for you.

If there was anywhere he demanded to go as a kid (in light of "Take Me to Church"): "I wasn't a very demanding child, I don't think. When I was a young, young child, I didn't demand to be taken anywhere, I don't think. I ended up getting to Disneyland as a child at some stage. I think for a lot of kids my age that was the big one."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Tough Love
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Not that you'd make this mistake, but just to be sure: Jessie Ware is not the same person as Jessie J, though both are British and released new albums within a week of each other. Jessie J is candy and hip-hop and butts.

Jessie Ware is pain and love and shimmering, an old-beyond-her-years soul exploring her own depths on "Tough Love," her follow-up to 2012's "Devotion."

I've been hungrily anticipating the record since Ware dropped "Tough Love" standout "Say You Love Me," a song that froze me in my tracks like none has since Frank Ocean's "Bad Religion." Ware's song is a gorgeous, raw proclamation of vulnerability in the face of passion. "I don't wanna fall in love/If you don't

wanna try," she pleads, backed by what could only be a choir of muses. This song is perfect. How often can you say that?

Fortunately, the remainder of the album only slightly pales in comparison. It's also a fascinating study in the dance between lyrics and tone. Dishonesty sounds vaguely cheery thanks to samba-ish beats on "Keep On Lying," though there's no mistaking the willful ignorance of lines like, "Keep your hands over my eyes so, I don't want to see where this will go." Ware's lounge-singer act for "Kind of ... Sometimes ... Maybe" is a great cover for the fact that, despite moving on with other men, she still longs for the one she's singing to.

This stylistic variety means that no song on "Tough Love" sounds much like any other. That often leaves me feeling disconnected from an album, but Ware's rich, soulful voice functions as a unifying blanket, keeping her twinkling aches all wrapped together. Plus, a long, emotional night like "Tough Love" is certain to have some ups and downs, right?

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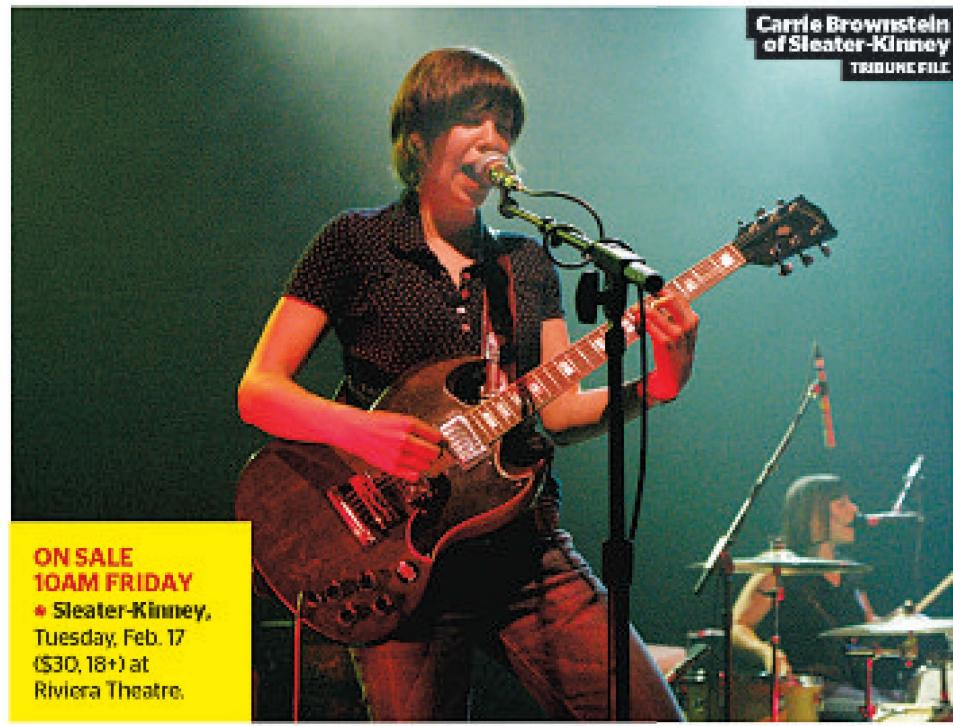
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By Michael Nagrant | FOR REDEYE

The problem with the food at a lot of local Polish restaurants is one of gloppiness. So many places make pierogi or stuffed cabbage in advance, holding them in steam tables or buffets where the dumplings dissolve into various states of glop. This is not the case at Smak-Tak (the name translates to "Delicious, yes!"), a 10-year-old Polish restaurant in Jefferson Park. The owner, Piotr Laskomy, has a commitment to serving fresh Polish fare that is unrivaled in Chicago. "We cook everything to order," he said. "We're family operated and each member of our family specializes in cooking something different. We don't use preservatives."

You can taste that commitment. A few years ago, I drove around Chicago sampling pierogi at 10 different restaurants in one day, and Smak-Tak's, which featured a whipped potato filling, a light dough wrapper and a glistening blanket of butter (\$9.99), were by far the best. Since then, I've become somewhat of a regular and Smak-Tak's quality persists. The Hungarian pancake (\$14.99) at Smak-Tak is not an over-steamed slimy mess, but instead a crisp and lacy potato pancake stuffed with meaty, spicy goulash. Silesian dumplings, tennis-ball sized potato dumplings stuffed with peppery beef, have a tendency toward gumminess, but Smak-Tak's

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Looks like:

A knotty pine-covered ski chalet

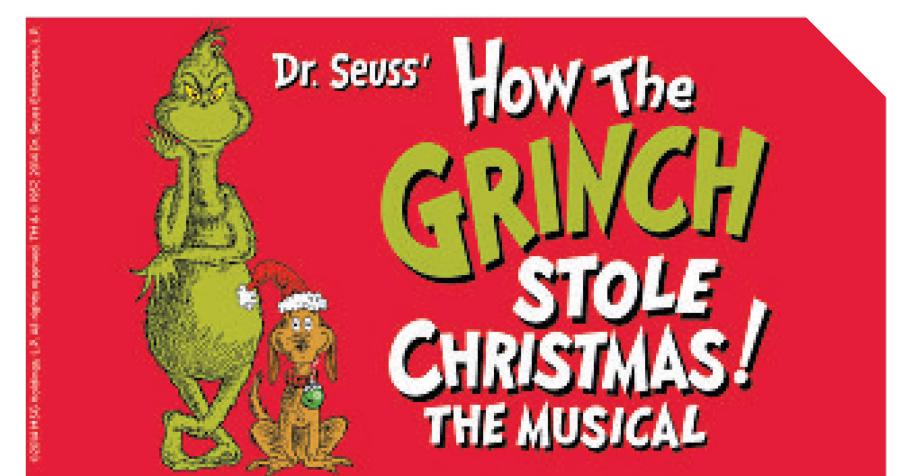
Smells like: Garlicky links of freshly grilled Polish sausage

Sounds like: The rapid-fire buzz of Polish-speaking diners

were airy and devoid of any kind of disturbing chewiness. The mushroom soup (\$3.50) often a watery brew punctuated by curdled cream and no discernible flavor, was thick and velvety. My mother grew up in Poland and is a very fine cook; Smak-Tak is the place I take her when she's in town.

While the food is refined, the dining room—filled with knotty woods, red-and-white checkered tablecloths and Tiffany-style stained glass chandeliers—is rustic and eclectic in a way that channels a Polish grandma's living room. Smak-Tak's Babcia-friendly confines are also very small. There are only a handful of tables, so if you're planning a visit, especially on a bustling weekend night, call ahead and make a reservation.

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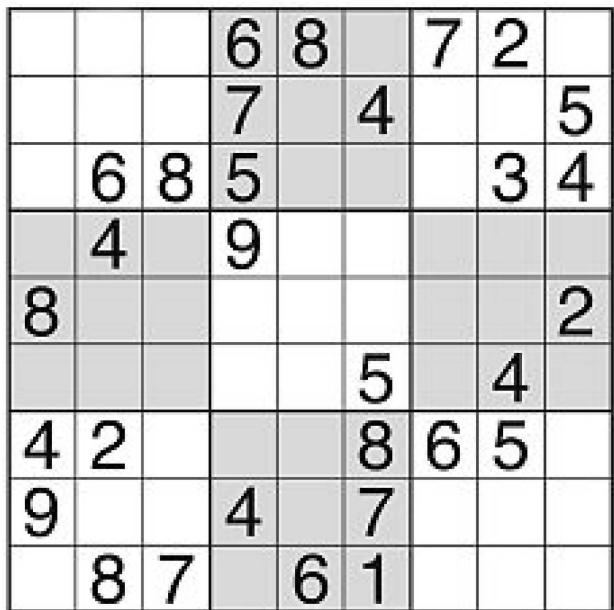
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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1962: President John F. Kennedy ordered air and naval forces to quarantine Cuba after concluding that Soviet missile bases were being built on the island.

2002: A bus driver was shot to death in Aspen Hill, Md., in what would be the 13th and final attack linked by authorities to the Washington-area sniper attacks.

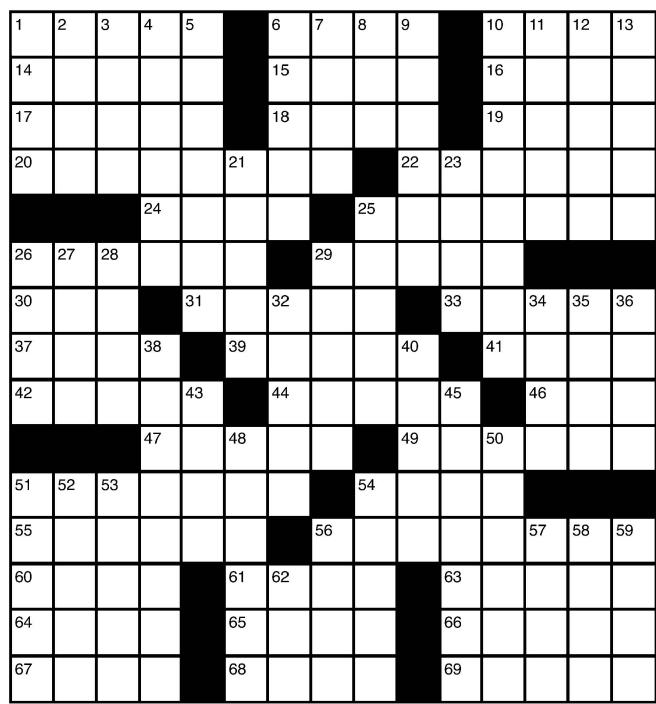
2012: The International Cycling Union stripped Lance Armstrong of his seven Tour de France titles.

ACROSS

- Piece of asparagus
- Insincere action
- Goes bad
- Use a pencil's rubber end
- Stack
- Canyon sound
- Most terrible
- Rex or Donna
- pressure; influence from companions
- Indulges freely
- Burning
- Ram or bull
- Less ornate
- Per person
- Fundamental
- Forbidding entry to
- Needling no encouragement
- Pine that drops its needles in winter
- Clippety-
- Way; classic candy bar
- S, M, L or XL
- Mexican mister
- Gets up
- Is able to
- Russian's dollar
- Ocean _; cruise ships
- Fables
- Delight
- _ in: relenting
- Allen Ludden's TV game show
- Not up yet
- Ibex or angora
- Sioux home
- Yearn
- Qualified
- From the East
- Prescribed amount
- Curved edges
- _ on; trampolines

DOWN

- Uses needle and thread
- up; support
- Actor James _ Jones
- Take for granted
- Go back over one's steps
- Spending fling
- Rushes
- Beer's cousin
- Military awards
- Exact copies



- Atlantic or Pacific
- song; TV show's music
- More tender to the touch
- Sparkle
- Blow it
- Grassy areas for recreation
- Basics
- Sickly-looking
- Element whose symbol is Fe
- Misrepresent
- Young ladies
- Part of most Chinese meals
- Leader's title in old Russia
- Laying birds
- Hot cereal
- Shouts
- Destroy
- Afternoon naps
- Panhandler

- Most modern
- Overcook milk
- Forbidden
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- Date tree
- Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
- Gather crops
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THE SOUND AND THE FURY

Who was Lorde thinking of with the new 'Hunger Games' soundtrack?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

When it was announced that Lorde would be curating the soundtrack for "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 1," we knew that this was a matchup made in teen heaven. The full track listing, revealed Tuesday, is no disappointment, including freshly released songs like The Chemical Brothers and Miguel's "This Is Not a Game" and Lorde's own "Yellow Flicker Beat."

Because the "Hunger Games" characters are roughly the same age as the books' intended audience (no, not you, 35-year-old reading "Catching Fire" on the train), we imagine they'd be pretty pumped about these tunes. Here's the act we'd imagine each character would be most excited about. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYEDANA](https://twitter.com/REDEYEDANA)



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KATNISS EVERDEEN
Jennifer Lawrence

Peeta has always seemed haunted by his love for Katniss; surely he'd relate to the hollowing emotional husk that is singer Natasha Khan.

PEETA MELLARK
Josh Hutcherson

THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS/MIGUEL

This probably makes the most sense for mining and making angry faces at the TV when your secret love makes out with another dude.

GALE HAWTHORNE
Liam Hemsworth

STROMAE

Effie always has to be very of-the-moment. A Belgian electro-rapper is so ... well, whatever year "The Hunger Games" takes place in.

EFFIE TRINKET
Elizabeth Banks



TINASHE

They've both been in the spotlight since a very young age; maybe Finnick would look to Tinashe for some career guidance.

FINNICK ODAIR
Sam Claflin



LORDE

Trust, if Taylor Swift had been on this soundtrack, we would've given her to Primrose. Lorde is the next-best, safe-but-fierce choice.

PRIMROSE EVERDEEN
Willow Shields

JOHANNA MASON

In the Swede's most popular song, "Habits (Stay High)," she details her nights at sex clubs, drug trips and bingeing on Twinkies, all to forget a man. Sounds like a Tuesday at Johanna's house.

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Where have you gone, Zellweger?

Usually when a star has a little work done, it's just that—a little. But Renée Zellweger has taken things to a new level. The "Bridget Jones' Diary" star walked the red carpet Monday for Elle magazine's annual Women in Hollywood awards, but there's absolutely no way we would've known it was her without the giant OMG RENEE ZELLWEGER headlines. We just ... well ... take a look for yourself.



Happy promotion day!

"Saturday Night Live" writer Leslie Jones (left) is taking a big step up this week. Deadline.com reports that Jones, who has been on board the show since early this year, will be promoted to featured player status starting with Saturday's Jim Carrey-hosted episode. You might know Jones from guest spots on "Weekend Update" and her "No. 1 Slave Draft Pick" sketch in May—we're expecting big things!



party. Bye Felicia. #oneLOVE."

—Sherri Shepherd, on Twitter, responding to a viewer who complained about "gay scenes" on "Scandal" and "How To Get Away With Murder"

'Mad' world

Well, it's official, folks: "Mad Men" has finished filming the second half of its final season. The show was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame on Monday night, where creator Matthew Weiner talked about artifacts he took from the set—"At a certain point, I was like, I can't live in a 'Mad Men' museum the rest of my life"—and revealed that the alcohol on the show was onion water ... mostly. "I'm not saying that no one's ever done a scene drunk on 'Mad Men.' I will not say that," he told *Vulture*.

HOT DATE

OCT. 27

Official reminder: That's when tickets go on sale for the Foo Fighters' Aug. 29 show at Wrigley Field. The Foos announced their very first stadium show Monday; according to the announcement, "reserved tickets (\$75 & \$50 with a 6-ticket limit) and General Admission field tickets (\$75 with a 4-ticket limit) can be purchased online at Cubs.com/Foo or by phone at 800-THE-CUBS." Fan club pre-sales run from 10 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday, and we wouldn't be shocked if the show sells out then.



Now that's a good friend

New couple Kat Dennings (left) and Josh Groban have been steaming up the red carpet lately, but how did the two stars meet? Turns out it was Dennings' "2 Broke Girls" co-star Beth Behrs who made the match. "They've been friends for years," Dennings told Ellen DeGeneres on Tuesday of her friend and her beau. "And she thought we were both, you know, nerds. So there, she was right." Congrats, girl-nerd love is the best kind.

THE QUOTE

If u use the phrase "gay scenes", u are not only LATE to the party but also NOT INVITED to the party. Bye Felicia. #oneLOVE."